



CITY OF --- WEST LAFAYETTE

2016 Action Plan

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Housing analysis charts are included in the Lafayette Plan.

City of West Lafayette
2016 Action Plan
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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

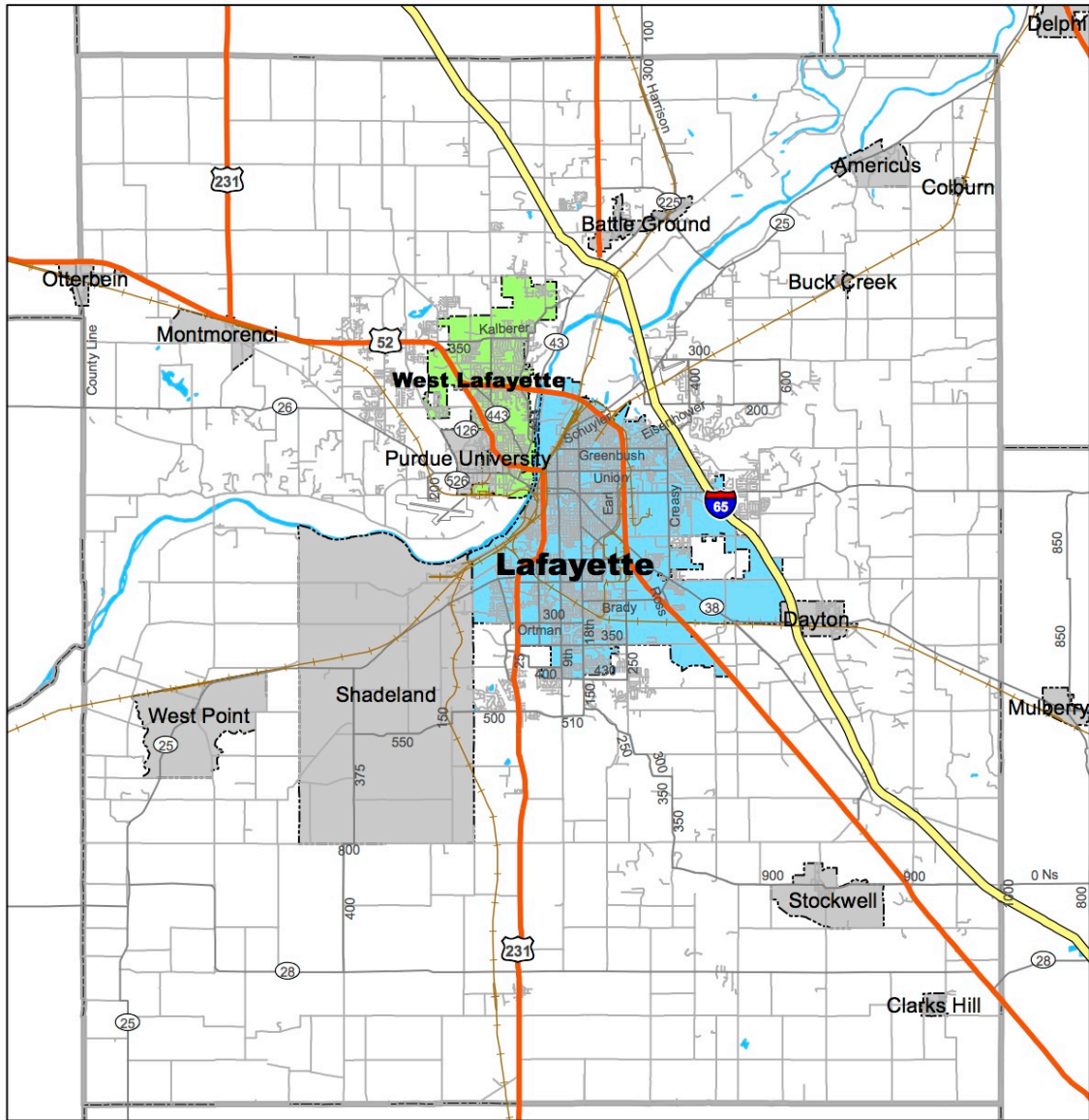
1. Introduction

The City of West Lafayette is more widely known as the location of Purdue University, situated Northwest of Indianapolis in Tippecanoe County. Tippecanoe County is primarily a rural community with two urbanized areas, the City of West Lafayette and the City of Lafayette. The City of West Lafayette is designated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an entitlement city. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awards Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to “Entitlement Communities” across the United States. Awards are based on formula calculations including factors such as the population of the community, pre-1940’s housing stock, growth and decline.

The City of West Lafayette will receive annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant funding (CDBG) of \$301,515. The City of West Lafayette has a partnership with the unincorporated areas of Tippecanoe County, the Town of Battle Ground and the City of Lafayette to form the Lafayette Housing Consortium. The Lafayette Housing Consortium will share an allocation of \$632,433 of HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding in the 2016 fiscal year. Areas in West Lafayette and Lafayette receive the lion’s share of this funding. The staff at the City of Lafayette is responsible for the implementation and administration of the HOME funds at the behest of the Consortium and report all progress to HUD on the Consortium’s behalf.

To receive funding each year, the City of West Lafayette, in conjunction with the City of Lafayette and the Lafayette Housing Consortium, must complete a Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan is an assessment of the needs in the community, relating to housing, social and public services, public infrastructure. The analysis looks at populations which are most affected by the current housing stock, state of the economy and the ability to meet daily living needs. The Consolidated Plan then outlines priorities and goals to address those needs. Each year, the City of West Lafayette will write an Action Plan, outline specific projects and funding resources that will be used to meet the priorities and goals. At the end of each year, the City of West Lafayette will write a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report to report the progress towards each of the Consolidated Plan goals. These three documents enable the public, elected officials and HUD to understand the needs in the community, provide input and measure progress and investment in the community.

The most recent Consolidated Plan covers fiscal years 2015 – 2019 and was approved by the City of West Lafayette and HUD in May of 2015. This is the Action Plan for the fiscal year 2016, the second year of the Consolidated Plan. It will cover the City of West Lafayette CDBG allocation, beginning July 1, 2016 and ending Jun 30, 2017.



TIPPECANOE COUNTY METROPOLITAN BASE MAP



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City Map

Annual Action Plan
2016

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2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The City of West Lafayette has many opportunities with Purdue University as part of the community. The primary objectives of the City of West Lafayette are to create a sustainable community for the employees and students through affordable housing development and accessibility improvements to public facilities and infrastructure. The specific priorities outlined in this Action Plan include:

1. **Livable Communities** – Livable communities will be vibrant neighborhoods with buildings of quality design, accessible infrastructure and affordable housing for all income groups.
2. **Safe Communities** - Safe communities are safe for all residents, including homeless individuals and those living at the poverty line. Social services that go to provide safety and security for these residents will receive priority.
3. **Fair and Accessible Communities** – Will further fair housing efforts in the community and educate the public about fair and affordable housing. Efforts to coordinate with the City of Lafayette as well as other private/public to improve services in the community also fall under this initiative.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

This is the second year of the 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan. Many of the projects outlined in the first year Action Plan, approved in May 2015, are still underway. The City of West Lafayette expects the following accomplishments for the 2015 fiscal year to include:

- Repair assistance for low income homeowners – one homeowner assisted
- Support for creation of housing – two units purchased for renovation, two units sold
- Increase public infrastructure's compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act – increase accessibility of five city parks, 1,100 linear feet of sidewalk on Park Lane installed
- Provision of public services – 852 low income individuals served, estimated 1065 by the end of fiscal year 2015
- Improve the environment of low income neighborhoods – 66 trees planted, 23 in the target area of Sylvia, West Lutz, W Stadium, Meridian and Vine

Despite the successes, challenges acquiring inexpensive properties for affordable housing development, growing demand for more affordable homeownership opportunities continues to grow in West Lafayette.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City of West Lafayette held two public meetings in the spring of 2016. The first public meeting was held on March 2, 2016. The meeting is an opportunity for various applicants to present their projects to the Mayor's Advisory Committee, the decision making body for the City of West Lafayette. Each applicant was allowed five minutes of time to present their program and answer questions of the Committee. The second meeting, held on April 6, 2016 announced the funding awards for the 2016 fiscal year.

City Consultants and Research, LLC, a consulting firm hired by the Cities conducted consultation interviews with local stakeholders. The purpose of the consultations is to get a perspective about the needs in the community that hard data does not provide. An example of this is the data shows a low number of homeless individuals living in the community, but through consultations, the numbers of families living on couches, or couch surfers, is much higher. A complete list and summary of comments is included later in this document.

The draft form of this Consolidated Plan was available for public comment beginning April 12, 2016 and ending May 12, 2016. Draft copies of the document were available in the City of Lafayette offices, the Morton Community Center in West Lafayette and electronically via the Cities' websites. The City of West Lafayette did not receive any comments on the Consolidated Plan or the Action Plan.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

The draft form of this Consolidated Plan will be available for 30 days for public comment beginning April 12, 2016 and ending May 12, 2016. Draft copies of the document were available in the Community Development offices at 222 North Chauncey Avenue for comment and electronically via the City of West Lafayette website.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

The summary of public comments will be added as part of the final draft of the West Lafayette 2016 Action Plan.

7. Summary

The City of West Lafayette will spend the year striving to meet the needs of the residents of the community, particularly those who live in the community year-round. The area continues to grow with new industry moving to the area. The City is often busy working to keep up with the continuing changes of the community.

The reputation of the area is of a fast growing community, with much wealth and a “good place to live,” with top schools in Indiana and a highly rated institution of higher learning. Much of the hard data from the Consolidated Plan stated that while there is a need in the community to develop a range of affordable housing community-wide, there is a larger supply of affordable housing in the Lafayette community. The data also shows there is a variety of jobs available to residents in the community, varying in skill requirements and pay range. The consultation process discusses the hidden needs in the community and the need to provide services locally instead of sending them to neighboring communities where concentrations of poverty and lower income households are greater.

This Consolidated Plan is part of the efforts by both Cities and community stakeholders to make both cities a “good place to live” for all households in the community, both the wealthy and low income households. The document will outline the needs in the community and possible solutions to address those needs.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	WEST LAFAYETTE	Department of Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of West Lafayette receives an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant funding (CDBG). The funds will be approximately \$300,000 every year, for a total of \$1.5 million over the five years of this Consolidated Plan. The City will receive \$301,515 of CDBG funding in the 2016 fiscal year.

The unincorporated areas in the county, the Town of Battle Ground, the City of Lafayette and the City of West Lafayette have formed a consortium to share the allocation of HOME dollars. This grouping of leaders is called the Lafayette Housing Consortium. The staff at the City of Lafayette is responsible for the implementation and administration of the HOME funds at the behest of the Consortium. Information regarding 2016 HOME funding is located in the City of Lafayette 2016 Action Plan.

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AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The City of Lafayette and the City of West Lafayette hired a consultant from City Consultants & Research, LLC to assist with the writing of this Consolidated Plan and conduct the public input process, including the consultations. Consultations were conducted in person, one-on-one or in a small group setting or via phone conference. Staff from each of the Cities provided a few contact organizations to begin the process. Through the interview process, the consultant received other suggestions for contacts and followed up with those individuals.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).

The implementation of the CDBG grant and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program involves a tremendous amount of coordination. Because of the close proximity of the two cities, the Cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette naturally affect each other's ability to implement and balance community development. The two Cities are divided by the Wabash River in Tippecanoe County, sharing an east/west border.

Each City receives its own allocation of CDBG dollars, approximately \$580,815 for the City of Lafayette and \$301,515 for the City of West Lafayette. Each City has its own application process for the CDBG funds. While non-profit organizations compete for funding to social services and small housing projects, the Cities organize and implement larger housing projects with in-house staff. Larger projects can include the funding of rental rehabilitation, façade projects, infrastructure improvement and large repair projects for homeowners. Both Cities target their incorporated areas for CDBG funding.

Together, the Cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette work together to form a consortium. This consortium is the recipient of \$632,433 of HOME dollars. Along with the Cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette, the incorporated township of Battle Ground and the unincorporated areas of Tippecanoe County work to serve the residents in a wider area. The Board for the consortium is made up of the Mayor from Lafayette, the Mayor from West Lafayette and the Tippecanoe County Commissioner. The Clerk Treasurer of the Town of Battle Ground is also included in notices about the consortium, but does not hold a vote on the Board. The City of Lafayette staff is responsible for implementing the decisions of the HOME consortium's Board. The HOME consortium agreement is up for renewal in 2017. The Board will visit the possibility of additional members from the incorporated townships in Tippecanoe County to the consortium based on need.

Because of close proximity, cooperation naturally plays a role between both cities. Additionally, the city of West Lafayette is home to Purdue University, a Big Ten university with approximately 39,600 students on its West Lafayette Campus. Working together, while using the resources of a large university, serves as strength for this area. Both Cities share the experiences of a comparable city facing the same

economic and housing issues, as well as, utilize the intellectual power of a national university to find solutions to housing and economic issues. During consultations, the cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette noted they now devote a great deal of time to partnership and solution development whenever facing an obstacle, with more forward thinking than previously, when they would allow a problem or challenge to stifle progress.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The Indiana Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) is the planning body for initiatives in ending homelessness in the State of Indiana. To do so, this group supports the development and ongoing maintenance of a strategic, comprehensive system to address homelessness. This includes strategies for engaging mainstream partnerships, the provision of shelter, temporary housing, services, and permanent housing. The goal is to ensure that all residents of the State of Indiana are able to access and maintain permanent housing.

West Lafayette and Lafayette are part of the Region 4 Balance of State Continuum of Care for the State of Indiana. The Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Network of NW Central Indiana serves as the Region 4 Local Planning Council. Region 4 consists of Tippecanoe, Clinton, Montgomery, Carroll, Benton, Warren, Fountain, and White counties.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

City Consultants and Research, LLC conducted interviews with the Region 4 Planning Council Chairwoman and various members of the Planning Council. The Consultant made efforts to reach out to an organization representing each subpopulation.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Consultations extended into the 30 – day comment period. A full list of stakeholders will be included in the final draft of this document.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

As many agencies as possible were consulted for this Action Plan. Consultations are a more efficient way to reach those the funds are intended to serve as general public meetings and surveys do not garner much response.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Network	Goals from that plan have been incorporated as goals of the Consolidated Plan.

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

Planning for the City of West Lafayette, because of its partnership in the Lafayette Housing Consortium and its proximity to Lafayette, requires a regional plan. Both Cities worked together to complete their Consolidated Plans as a single unit. Consultations and public input was collected as part of a single process for both Cities.

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The City of West Lafayette held two public meetings in the spring of 2016. The City of West Lafayette notified the public of each meeting through notices and legal ads in the local paper. Copies of those announcements are included in the attachments to this document.

The first public meeting was held on March 2, 2016. The meeting is an opportunity for various applicants to present their projects to the Mayor's Advisory Committee, the decision making body for the City of West Lafayette. Each applicant was allowed five minutes of time to present their program and answer questions of the Committee. The second meeting, held on April 6, 2016 announced the funding awards for the 2016 fiscal year.

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Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Conducted a public meeting March 2, 2016 to solicit input from housing and public service providers at 6 pm. A total of 20 people attended.	Attendees presented applications for funding for the 2016 fiscal year.	All comments were accepted.	

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

Adhering to the CDBG program's national objectives, priority will be given to projects that address the housing and community development needs of low- and moderate-income persons.

#	Project Name
1	General Program Administration
2	Housing Initiatives
3	Public Facilities Improvements and Architectural Barrier Removal
4	Public Services: Elderly Services
5	Public Services: Homeless Services
6	Tree Planting

Table 8 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Adhering to CDBG's national objectives, priority will be given to projects that address the housing and community development needs of low and moderate-income persons, particularly as they are outlined in the Consolidated Plan.

With decreases in funding, the City of West Lafayette will give priority to activities that:

- Meet a goal of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan
- Demonstrate a significance of need
- Serve an eligible area within West Lafayette
- Project or program is eligible under HUD rules
- Create a visual impact in the neighborhood, particularly if an infrastructure project

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	General Program Administration
	Target Area	City-wide initiatives
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Livable Communities
	Funding	CDBG: \$45,000
	Description	Administrative funds for staff salaries and related expenses, office supplies and other costs associated with the management and oversight of the grant. Eligible administrative costs for New Chauncey Housing, Inc. for salaries and other project delivery costs for CDBG housing projects on a reimbursable basis. Also expenses for Fair Housing Activities (outreach and educational activities) and Historic Preservation activities that are not project specific.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	222 N Chauncey Avenue
	Planned Activities	Fund administration and fair housing activities.
2	Project Name	Housing Initiatives
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homeownership Creation
	Needs Addressed	Livable Communities
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	Owner Related Neighborhood Stabilization through increased affordable homeownership opportunities. Emergency Repair Assistance.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The activity will benefit 15 households.
	Location Description	279 Littleton St., WL
	Planned Activities	Purchase, rehab, sell homes, emergency home repairs, and DPA to low-mod income persons
3	Project Name	Public Facilities Improvements and Architectural Barrier Removal
	Target Area	Low Income Census Tracts
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure and Neighborhood Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Livable Communities
	Funding	CDBG: \$143,788
	Description	Improvement of public facilities and implementation of ADA compliance transition.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The project will benefit 1,781 persons.
	Location Description	Low to moderate income census tracts.
	Planned Activities	Removal/replacement of broken & heaving sidewalks & curbs, along with installing ADA compliant ramps at intersections
	Project Name	Public Services: Elderly Services
4	Target Area	City-wide initiatives
	Goals Supported	Elderly Services
	Needs Addressed	Safe Communities
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,000
	Description	Assistance in maintaining/cleaning homes and assisting with other daily living needs for elderly and disabled citizens.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The project will benefit 6 individuals.

	Location Description	The services will occur city-wide in West Lafayette.
	Planned Activities	This project will fund two different activities - home care for the elderly to enable elderly individuals to age in place.
5	Project Name	Public Services: Homeless Services
	Target Area	City-wide initiatives
	Goals Supported	Public Services - General
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$43,227
	Description	Outreach, intake and assessment for case management for emergency shelter, transitional housing for individuals and families and case management for permanent supportive housing. Facilities/programs involved: Lafayette Urban Ministry - overnight shelter, Lafayette Transitional Housing - transitional shelter and homeless services, YWCA - Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention Program and Shelter, and Food Finders Food Bank - supply food to previously listed agencies.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This activity will benefit 1160 individuals.
	Location Description	615 N. 18th St., Laf., IN 47904 50 Olympia Ct., Laf., IN 47909
	Planned Activities	Case management for those who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless Provides food to area shelters that help those who are homeless, mentally ill, or a victim of domestic violence Provides help such as cleaning, shopping, meal preparation, and bill paying for the elderly and disabled
6	Project Name	Tree Planting
	Target Area	Low Income Census Tracts
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure and Neighborhood Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Livable Communities
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,500
	Description	Installation of trees in the city right-of-way between curb and sidewalk in target areas.

Target Date	6/30/2017
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The project will benefit 2,992 individuals with additional green space.
Location Description	Low to moderate income census tracts.
Planned Activities	Plant approx. 26 trees in CDBG target areas

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Public infrastructure projects will be located in areas of low-income concentration. The rule for CDBG funds is that an area must have at least 51 percent of the households earn less than 80 percent of the area income. This area is primarily around Purdue University where high concentrations of minorities and people with housing cost burdens live.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Low Income Census Tracts	56
City-wide initiatives	44

Table 9 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

CDBG funds will be concentrated in those block groups with at least 51% low and moderate-income households. This area is primarily around Purdue University where high concentrations of minorities and people with housing cost burdens live. Those with the greatest need in the community will benefit from CDBG activities taking place in this area even if the activity does not directly benefit them.

Direct benefit activities, such as social services and direct homeowner assistance, will need to verify beneficiaries are low to moderate income households or individuals.

Discussion

Please see discussion points in the sections above.

AP-75 Action Plan Barriers to Affordable Housing – 91.420, 91.220 (j)

Introduction

The City of West Lafayette will spend the year striving to meet the needs of the residents of the community, particularly those who live in the community year-round. The area continues to grow with new industry moving to the area. The City is often busy working to keep up with the continuing changes of the community.

The reputation of the area is of a fast growing community, with much wealth and a “good place to live,” with top schools in Indiana and a highly rated institution of higher learning. Much of the hard data from the Consolidated Plan stated that while there is a need in the community to develop a range of affordable housing community-wide, there is already a large supply of housing and that homelessness in the Lafayette community. The data also shows there is a variety of jobs available to residents in the community, varying in skill requirements and pay range. The consultation process discusses the hidden needs in the community and the need to provide services locally instead of sending them to neighboring communities where concentrations of poverty and lower income households are greater.

HUD defines affordable housing as a household paying equal to or less than 30 percent of its gross monthly income towards housing costs. If the household pays more than 30 percent, it is considered cost burden. If the household pays more than 50 percent of its gross monthly income, it is considered to have a severe cost burden. The 2015 Consolidated Plan stated that over five thousand renters (5,583) in the Lafayette area are experiencing a cost burden while only 3,236 homeowners are experience a cost burden. The Consolidated Plan also stated that a greater number of renters have a severe cost burden with 9,551 in the Lafayette area are experiencing a cost severe burden. Only 2,094 homeowners are experience a cost burden.

With the high rent in West Lafayette, few affordable opportunities exist for residents. Those who work in West Lafayette, particularly at Purdue University, may have to choose other places to live and commute into the City for their employment. Initiatives funded by the City of West Lafayette strive to develop a place for all residents to live, work and play.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment:

To help the community as a whole overcome the barriers to affordable housing development, and also maximize the impact in the community, West Lafayette will strive to increase affordable housing opportunities with the following projects:

- Housing Initiatives - this program provides rehabilitation assistance to current homeowners and develop new affordable housing opportunities through renovation of current properties and down payment assistance.
- Elderly Services – provide at home care to help elderly neighbors age-in-place.

Discussion:

Traditional redevelopment has been lead by small non-profit community development organizations at the grass roots level. Smaller organizations are unable to build large-scale projects. They are also unable to be holistic in nature, which limits their ability to impact on the target population. Some ideas to overcome these barriers are:

- Attract for-profit developers to partner with non-profit housing and/or service agencies to develop affordable housing development for extremely low-income families; connecting services and rental assistance with new developments
- Build projects without long-term debt to help fund operations and maintenance of property
- Advocate for public and private transportation options for low income families living outside of walking distance of amenities needed for daily living, such as grocery stores, health care and employment options
- Enlist all levels of local and county government to be “cheerleaders” for affordable housing

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

The City of West Lafayette will spend its 2016 CDBG allocation to create livable communities by investing in infrastructure, ADA improvements, public services and helping homeowners with emergency repairs. It is also important that the City create a livable community and serve as an advocate for the community.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Adhering to CDBG's national objectives, priority will be given to projects that address the housing and community development needs of low and moderate-income persons, particularly as they are outlined in the Consolidated Plan.

In making funding decisions, the City of West Lafayette will give priority to activities that:

- Meet a goal of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan
- Demonstrate a significance of need
- Serve an eligible area within West Lafayette
- Project or program is eligible under HUD rules
- Create a visual impact in the neighborhood, particularly if an infrastructure project

A priority population for CDBG-funded services is individuals (especially the elderly and people with disabilities) who are denied, by poverty and historical institutional practices, the opportunity to develop their full potential and to enjoy the benefits of community participation. The City of West Lafayette will give priority to programs provided through organizations or agencies that demonstrate a commitment to making their services accessible to people through diversity training of staff and Boards, through recruitment and hiring of minority staff and Board members, and through the efforts to provide services in an accessible and culturally sensitive manner.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The primary strategy in 2015 to 2019 for the City of West Lafayette will be to reduce the housing cost burden for homeowners wanting to live closer to work and creating suitable living environments for those households.

Additional Strategies with non-financial support:

- Support affordable multi-family housing development offering housing for incomes earning 0-30 percent of the area median family income.
- Support public and private partnerships to develop affordable housing.
- Support affordable housing development that targets single parent households, two parent families and seniors responsible for grandchildren.

- Support affordable, senior housing development.
- Find additional resources for rental subsidies that support extremely low-income households or those earning 0-30 percent of the area median income.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of West Lafayette will use CDBG funds to undertake lead-based paint hazard mitigation when required by the housing rehabilitation regulations. This can include inspection, risk assessment, specification writing, abatement, clean up, disposal work and clearance testing. This assistance will be in accordance with 24 CFR 35, et al. (9/15/99). A certified risk assessor will inspect all such housing.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Tackling poverty is one of the most important factors in reducing social exclusion and improving the lives of our residents. This strategy is crucial for demonstrating the City of West Lafayette's commitment to tackling poverty. The City, in partnership with the City of Lafayette and the social service and housing provider community, will strive for the goals and strategies below to help households stay out of poverty or become self-sufficient and elevate themselves from living in poverty.

- Promote economic empowerment by supporting facilities, services and activities aimed at developing the self-sufficiency for all low to moderate-income residents. Programs and activities to be supported over the next five years including youth services, healthcare and food banks.
- Promote Section 3 opportunities in current housing projects
- Continue to work with local agencies to identify barriers and issues related to poverty and support programs that will help low to moderate-income households overcome those barriers.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Through administrative efforts and partnerships in the community, including the Lafayette Housing Consortium, the City of West Lafayette will work to increase coordination across the area, with the intended outcome of improving services for low-income households. The Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Network can provide an outlet for this coordination and capacity building.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Network and the United Way of Greater Lafayette are the primary ways to connect all service providers throughout Tippecanoe County. Both groups will continue its efforts to build capacity and coordinate service provisions across the county in the coming year.

Discussion

The Annual Action Plan will address many items as noted in the previous discussion points. However, as

a recipient of HUD funds, the City of West Lafayette certifies it will affirmatively further fair housing choice by conducting an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified, and maintain records reflecting the analysis and actions taken in this regard. The City is committed to ensuring fair housing choice for all residents within its jurisdiction. The City of West Lafayette, in partnership with the City of Lafayette, published an Analysis of Fair Housing in May 2015 which will run through fiscal year 2019.

The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing evaluated regulations as to zoning and planning regulations and their impact on housing. The Analysis of Impediments did not find any types of zoning that impose limits on housing, such as limits on vinyl siding or appearance of housing and its design. The study has found that the following impediments to fair housing choice exist within Tippecanoe County:

1. Lack of local capacity and coordination.
2. Lack of public awareness
3. Disparate treatment in the rental market.

The City of West Lafayette, as a recipient of federal CDBG, must take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of the impediments identified within this plan and maintain records reflecting the analysis and actions taken.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant funds are the only funding resource the City of West Lafayette anticipates for fiscal year 2016. The City will partner with the Lafayette Housing Consortium to allocate other dollars as part of group. The reporting for those additional resources is in the Lafayette Consolidated Plan.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% percent of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. PY 2016 Only	85.00%

Discussion

The City of West Lafayette will fund projects in fiscal year 2016 that address the needs outlined in the Consolidated Plan. At least 70 percent of the funds allocated in fiscal year 2016 will help low and moderate-income households directly or indirectly from neighborhood infrastructure improvements. Projects that target persons living with disabilities will receive higher priority for funding.

Officials announce new hockey team for Evansville

Businessman bringing in team

Associated Press

EVANSVILLE - Evansville families in stressful situations and undergo an in-depth training program.

Officials announced Monday that local businessman Mike Hall is investing to bring a new Southern Professional Hockey League team to the Evansville arena. The "My hope personally is that this will blossom into a future partnership," she said.

Owensboro, Kentucky, for the 2016-17 season. Negotiations broke down between Evansville officials and the IceMen on a new lease agreement to keep the ECHL team at the Justice Loretta Rush speaks to the local chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution.

Judge evaluates

Associated press

BLOOMINGTON - judge has appointed mental health evaluator for a former Indiana University student.

ZIKA

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two-thirds of the state.

Other conditions not present here also have likely contributed to the spread of the disease in Latin America, Brown added. The mosquitoes prefer dense urban areas where sanitation is poor. In addition, the Zika virus has another host in wild non-human primate populations, which Indiana does not have.

Still, Indiana has other mosquito-borne disease such as West Nile.

The same precautions that one takes against West Nile - such as wearing long sleeves and pants as well as mosquito repellent when headed outdoors - also could help lower any risk of contracting Zika virus from a mosquito. People are also

advised not to leave standing water on their property, which could serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

None of these mosquito-borne diseases are as deadly as that most familiar of ailments: influenza.

Last year the West Nile virus killed 119 people in the United States, according to the CDC. Depending on how mild or severe a flu season is, between 3,000 to 49,000 people die from that illness each year in this country.

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WEST LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2016-2017 REVIEW AND PLANNING HEARING

The first public hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 2nd at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Morton Community Center, 222 N. Chauncey Ave. Room 211, West Lafayette, Indiana. The second public hearing will be held Wednesday, April 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Morton Community Center, 222 N. Chauncey Ave. Room 211, West Lafayette, Indiana.

The purpose of the hearing is to review the progress and performance of the Community Development Block Grant Program and to solicit citizens' input on needs, concerns and issues in the Community. West Lafayette residents, service providers, and members of the business community are welcome to attend and express their views. The Mayor's Advisory Committee on Community Development will also be accepting project proposals for the PY 2016-2017 One Year Action Plan, that will satisfy the housing, infrastructure, social services and economic development needs of West Lafayette.

If have any questions, we encourage you to call the West Lafayette Department of Development, at 765-775-5160. All proposals must be eligible and consistent with the Five Year Consolidated Plan. If you require special assistance to attend this meeting, please contact the department 48 hours in advance.

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tral streets for nearly two
hours. It remains under
investigation by fire in-
spectors, Ford said.



PROVIDED

The bridge over Wildcat Creek in the northbound lanes of Interstate 65 in Tippecanoe County is shown on Aug. 5.

INDOT rejects firm's claim

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The Indiana Department of Transportation has denied a \$1.4 million claim by a local construction firm that oversaw repairs to the northbound bridge over Wildcat Creek on Interstate 65 last summer.

The bridge was shut down after sinking several inches as Walsh Construction Co. was

ary supports as part of the work.

"For this contract, Walsh is responsible for both the design and construction of I-65 improvements from State Road 38 (Exit 168) to State Road 25 (Exit 175). INDOT project staff denied this financial claim because Walsh did not sufficiently explain how this was a changed condition under its contract with INDOT,"

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CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM 2016 ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the City of West Lafayette will hold a second Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 6th at 6:00 PM in Room 211 at the Morton Community Center, 222 N. Chauncey Ave, West Lafayette, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is to present the 2016 One Year Action Plan, which includes the proposed funding awards for the 2016 Program Year. If you require special assistance to attend this meeting, please contact the Department of Development at 765-775-5160 48 hours in advance.

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